Departments, Universities, Academic Institutions and non-governmental organisations. Based on the Suggestions received from various sources, a draft National Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development is being prepared.

Brain Drain

2999. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN:
SHRI RAMASWAMY PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study to ascertain the percentage of graduates from IITs gone abroad for higher education or seeking employment each of the last three years;

(b) the percentage of these students who have opted to settle there on permanent basis;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to discourage the brain drain from the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and other steps taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) These details are not available. However, as per the report of the Review Committee of IITs, submitted in 1987, average percentage of IIT graduates going abroad for higher education and employment is approximetely 20%.

(c) to (e) A number of measures have been taken to attract Indian Scientists and technologists settled abroad to come back to the country. These include temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scheme of Scientists Pool, creation of supernumerary posts, facilities to import equipment by scientists and technologists returning from abroad, delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers to scientific institutions, the Scheme of transfer of know how through Expatriate Nationals etc.

Development in Visakhapatnam Division

3000. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the projects being undertaken for the development of railways in Visakhapatnam division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Projects in progress on the Waltair Division are listed in the Statement attached.